

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 11, 2003
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Terry Ellis, Peoria, Chairman	Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, Vice Chairman	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
David Fitzhugh for Todd Hileman, Avondale	Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek
* Joe Blanton, Buckeye	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Jon Pearson, Carefree	Steve Olson for Jan Dolan, Scottsdale
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Bill Pupo, Surprise
Pat McDermott, Chandler	Will Manley, Tempe
Santos Hernandez for Dick Yost, El Mirage	Reyes Medrano for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
#Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	Shane Dille, Wickenburg
David Evertsen, Gila Bend	Mark Fooks, Youngtown
Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community	Dale Buskirk for Victor Mendez, ADOT
George Pettit, Gilbert	Tom Buick for David Smith, Maricopa County
Dana Tranberg for Ed Beasley, Glendale	Bryan Jungwirth for Ken Driggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	
Tom Morales, Guadalupe	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by videoconference or telephone conference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Ellis, Peoria, at 12:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Ellis stated that transit tickets were available following the meeting from Valley Metro/RPTA. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Chairman Ellis announced that Tim Pickering was attending the meeting via telephone conference call, and George Hoffman was attending via videoconference call. He reminded

Committee members to have their microphones turned on when speaking so that those participating via telephone could hear the meeting.

Chairman Ellis noted that a revised agenda and revised summary transmittals for agenda items #5D, Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/ Adjustments to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2003 and FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets, #5F, Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility were at each place.

3. Call to the Audience

Chairman Ellis stated that public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. When two minutes have elapsed, a yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. At the end of the three minute time period, a red light will come on. Chairman Ellis stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards are available from the staff. Staff will then bring the cards to the Chairman. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from DD Barker, who stated that she would speak on transportation. Ms. Barker noted that Valley Metro Rail and Valley Metro were part of a class action lawsuit that was filed because a company called NCFE went bankrupt. This lawsuit is on the June 12 agenda for the meeting at the 411 N. Central building. Ms. Barker noted that the bonds, once rated AAA, are in default. She stated that the RPTA Chair, Mayor Mary Manross, has indicated her dissatisfaction with the TPC scenarios for the Regional Transportation Plan. She went on to report that Mayor Manross said that Valley Metro/RPTA can provide detailed ridership and performance indicators to address the shortcomings of the modeling process that was used to arrive at many of the conclusions in MAG's evaluation. Ms. Barker stated that RFPs will be issued for federal government lobbying for federal funds. They have been counting on \$20 million in discretionary funds, most of which are going to rail. Ms. Barker stated that discretionary funds can be flexible, so they could be used on other projects if we find rail cannot be done. Maybe this region can get elevated, where we already own the land. Ms. Barker called attention to an indemnity clause between Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail, Inc., which is not being reviewed by lawyers. She said she was told review is not required because these two entities are not government agencies. It may not work out, because lawyers are right only 50 percent of the time. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Albert Aguilar, who stated that he is from Minnesota and now resides in Scottsdale. Mr. Aguilar stated that he rides a bike and does not drive a car. He stated that through Ms. Barker's encouragement, he now rides the bus and that it is working out well. Mr. Aguilar spoke of the many benefits that Scottsdale provides. He expressed his thanks to everyone for doing a great job. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Aguilar for his comments.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who pointed out that when the RPTA Managers meet, he does not see State nor Native American representation. He stated that

the Call to the Audience is the only time that the public can input on non-action items. If you do not provide an opportunity to comment on non-action items, when can the public input? Mr. Crowley stated that there have been occasions when the Management Committee votes down an item, but that is not the norm. Mr. Crowley pointed out that what the summary transmittal for item #5D says is not correct—that there was no public input provided at TRC. He stated that he appreciated what you are doing with the public transportation workshops. You have three different figures for freeways and HOV on another part. Mr. Crowley stated that he interpreted ISTEA guidelines that no single occupancy roadway can be built unless you have HOV lanes. If you do not have HOV lanes as a part, you are not doing the job correctly. Mr. Crowley stated that there is still no bus service planned for Komatke, even though the area was settled before any of us came here. He urged that all communities be considered. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

4. Executive Director's Report

Dennis Smith updated members on the Homeless Continuum of Care Process. The Regional Council approved MAG as the responsible entity for the planning process. A timeline has been set to meet the deadline for submittal of applications and to provide a comprehensive review and ranking process to recommend allocation of the potential funding. He noted that a table showing the applications submitted was at each place. Mr. Smith stated that funding for 2003 could be up to \$15 million. He advised that the timeline and the MAG meetings did not coincide, therefore, this would be the only opportunity for the Committee to see the projects. Mr. Smith noted that the staff contact is Debbra Determan.

Mr. Smith stated that for the fifth consecutive year MAG has received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG had an informational booth at the Chandler Fashion Square Mall on Saturday, May 31, 2003 and at the Spectrum, formerly Christown, Mall on Saturday, June 7, 2003. The events were held jointly with ADOT, Valley Metro and Valley Metro Rail. He added that staff spends many weekends conducting these public outreach opportunities.

Mr. Smith stated that MAG staff attended the opening of State Route 51 from Bell Road to Loop 101 on Saturday, May 24, 2003. He noted that the event was attended by approximately 5,000 to 10,000 people. Mr. Smith stated that the project was accelerated through the City of Phoenix. The history of the project actually started in 1984 with local elected officials working together to get a freeway system in place. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Smith for his report.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Ellis stated that public comment will be received before taking action on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chairman Ellis stated that agenda items #5A through #5H were on the consent agenda.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of consent agenda items #5A, #5B, #5C, #5D, #5E, #5F, #5G, and #5H. Mr. Pupo seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Ms. Barker, who stated that she did not approve of air quality funds going for at-grade rail, which is what is in the budget. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who commented on agenda item #5D, Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/ Adjustments to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2003 and FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets. Mr. Crowley stated that public comment is allowed at all levels, but he was not allowed to comment on this item at the Transportation Review Committee. When an item is for action, he is supposed to be allowed to speak. He added that he did not blame the chair, who was advised by MAG staff. Mr. Crowley stated that public comment is democracy in action and gives validity to the process. When you freeze him out of the process, you violate federal regulations. He stated that he had specifics to say at the meeting. Phoenix got what was left, and there was parochialism on the part of Phoenix and the State. Mr. Crowley stated that the public wants traffic signal synchronization, which can be accomplished by lagging left turns. Mr. Crowley said that studies have shown that lagging left turns are safer. Instead of just closing out funds, will the money received for synchronization be applicable? Get in the safety part and do it right. Mr. Crowley commented on #5B, Approval of the Recommendations in the High Capacity Transit Study, and #5C, Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects. He stated that ISTEA guidelines say to do him first, because he uses pedestrian, bicycle and transit modes. He stated that the reconstruction at the Grand Avenue intersections of Thomas and Camelback are not being done with him in mind. Mr. Crowley stated that those riding the bus will have to walk a half mile to use the bus. He stated that he asked ADOT for documentation of the RPTA part, and was told they were a part of the temporary stops. They need to be a part of the whole equation. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

There being no discussion, a vote on the motion carried unanimously.

5A. Approval of May 14, 2003 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the May 14, 2003 meeting minutes.

5B. Approval of the Recommendations in the High Capacity Transit Study

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended accepting the corridors as identified within the High Capacity Transit Study for consideration as input into the Regional Transportation Plan process, subject to integration with the express bus network from the Valley Metro/Regional Public Transportation Authority Regional Transit System Study, and subject to additional input received from MAG member agencies. The High Capacity Transit Study was reviewed at the April Management Committee meeting. The study is designed to be the first step in developing and prioritizing the recommended network of high capacity transit services. The study evaluated the possible use of existing railroad corridors for commuter rail and

identifies other high capacity transit technologies, such as bus rapid transit or light rail, in other high demand corridors in the region. The planning efforts for the Study are being integrated with the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Future steps include additional review of corridors, including analysis of expected funding available, and consultation with member agencies and the public, to refine the number and coverage of the recommended corridors in the Regional Transportation Plan.

5C. Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Highway Projects

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program as shown on the attached Table One. The FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on July 24, 2002. Since that time, the Arizona Department of Transportation has notified MAG of the need to change the funding source for three regional freeway system projects on the Santan Freeway and on Grand Avenue in FY 2004. All three projects are currently in the TIP, but the funding source is defined as RARF/15 percent funding. However, ADOT wishes to construct the projects with Grant Anticipation Notes (GAN) funding which will be repaid with Federal funding in future years. Please refer to the attached Table One. It is necessary to adjust the TIP to incorporate the changes to these projects. As a TIP amendment is not being requested, an air quality conformity analysis is not needed. At its May 29, 2003 meeting, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this administrative adjustment.

5D. Federal Fiscal Year 2003 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendment/Adjustments to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2003 and FY 2004 Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2003, as recommended by the Transportation Review Committee at its May 29, 2003, meeting as follows: (1) Defer the projects listed in Table One; (2) Add new projects, or advance from a future year, or allocate additional funds to, the projects listed in Table Two; (3) Amend the FY 2003 and FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to include the additional funds for the Bicycle Education Workshop, the Pedestrian Design Program, the Williams Gateway Airport Freeway - Corridor Study and the Evaluation of ITS Applications for Elderly Mobility as shown in Table Three; and (4) Authorize an amendment/administrative adjustment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include the necessary projects in FY 2003. Annual sub-allocations of Federal Obligation Authority (OA) to the MAG region must be used or they could be lost. Each year, the process to close out the MAG federally funded program is completed in three distinct steps. First, the federal funds that have been sub-allocated to the MAG region are compared with the list of projects programmed in the current year of the most recent Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Second, MAG agencies request the deferral from the current federal fiscal year (FFY 2003) to the following (FFY 2004), or later, of any projects that are not likely to be completed through the federal development process in time. Third, projects are identified that are able to utilize the funds available from the first two phases and from any redistributed OA that might be made available from federal sources. Last month, the Regional Council approved

the expenditure of \$1.99 million in close out funds for PM-10 efficient street sweepers. In this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$13.4 million is available for the close out. Approximately \$29.6 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. On May 29, 2003, the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of the deferral of the 15 projects requested and recommended 18 projects totaling \$13,400,017 to utilize the majority of the funds available. Further action is expected next month on contingency projects to utilize any further funds that might become available during the final close out phase.

5E. Conformity Consultation

MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for administrative adjustments and an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. Administrative adjustments are necessary to change the potential funding source for three regional freeway system projects on Grand Avenue and the Santan Freeway in FY 2004. Also, an amendment is necessary to add new projects to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and administrative adjustments are necessary to incorporate minor project revisions for projects recommended for the Federal Fiscal Year 2003 Interim Closeout. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

5F. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The City of Phoenix has requested that MAG review the proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility through the Small Plant Review and Approval Process of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. The Maricopa County Municipal Small Plant Planning Area is within three miles of the project, and the County has indicated they do not object to the proposed facility. The MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Shangri-La Ranch Wastewater Treatment Facility as part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan.

5G. 9-1-1 Budget Request to the Arizona Department of Administration for Equipment and Operating Funds

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approving the MAG FY 2005 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2005-2009 Equipment Program, and the request for 9-1-1 operating funds for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration. Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund.

5H. Compiling Information on Regionally Significant Development Projects

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of compiling information on regionally significant development projects, including annual impact of cumulative development in the region. In December 2002, the Regional Council approved an 18-month evaluation period for MAG staff to compile information on regionally significant development projects. In doing so, the Regional Council directed that details of the process should be prepared with the input of the Planners Stakeholders Group, and approved by the MAG Management Committee and the MAG Regional Council prior to starting work. In addition to the Planners Stakeholders Group, member agency Intergovernmental Representatives and the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee have also provided direction on the process. In summary, MAG staff will compile information solely on regional transportation impacts. Regionally significant development projects are defined to be those which generate at least 20,000 Average Daily Trips, which is the capacity of a single freeway lane in one direction. Regionally significant development projects are further defined to be those that arise both through building permit applications and also through development proposals that require a public hearing and member agency Council action. The compiled information will be discussed with member agency staff in a meeting; only at the request of member agency staff will MAG staff transmit a formal report. MAG staff will compile regional transportation impacts in a time frame that meets member agency decision-making timelines. In addition to regionally significant development projects, both the Planners Stakeholders Group and Regional Council Executive Committee recommend that the cumulative impact of all development, regardless of size, should be compiled. This will be done as part of the Regional Annual Report; information will be presented only for the region as a whole, not by municipality.

6. Regional Transportation Plan Update

Eric Anderson provided an update on the development of the Regional Transportation Plan that is being developed by the Transportation Policy Committee. Mr. Anderson stated that three modeling scenarios were presented to the TPC at its May meeting. On May 22, the scenarios were sent out for formal review, in accordance with HB 2292. Mr. Anderson noted that MAG has held several public input opportunities, including five workshops, MAG at the Mall, and the SR 51 opening. Mr. Anderson stated that MAG staff continues to work closely with ADOT on Move Arizona, which is the statewide long range plan, to ensure integration with the RTP. He explained that the hybrid scenario phase has begun that will incorporate the best performing freeways, transit, and major streets. He noted that the plan is overprogrammed by \$1.3 billion out of \$15 billion available. Mr. Anderson stated that this is an important phase of the project, where discussions and tradeoffs will occur to give us the best transportation plan possible. He stated that a presentation on a version of the hybrid scenario will be given at the June 18 TPC meeting, with guidance requested from the TPC on how to proceed. Mr. Anderson stated that a draft hybrid will be done in July, which will be sent out for another round of review by agencies. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation.

7. Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area Boundary

Lindy Bauer reported that by July 15, 2003, the Governor is required to recommend nonattainment area boundaries for the eight-hour ozone standard. If no boundary is

recommended, the Environmental Protection Agency will use the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes all of Maricopa and Pinal Counties. She noted that the EPA will finalize the boundaries on April 15, 2004. Ms. Bauer stated that under the Clean Air Act, the boundary must include all areas that do not meet or contribute to a nearby area that does not meet the standards. She explained that the purpose is to protect public health. Within the boundary will be more stringent requirements for business, industry and transportation. Ms. Bauer added that transportation conformity requirements will apply, for example, the Regional Transportation Plan will be analyzed for conformity with the eight-hour ozone standard in 2005. She advised that once the boundary is set, it would be difficult to make the boundary smaller, although it can be made larger at any time.

Ms. Bauer stated that the EPA boundary presumption is the MSA, and states may propose a smaller boundary by addressing key factors. She stated that MAG conducted an initial analysis using EPA factors, and determined an option that would be larger than the current one-hour boundary since it would add the Humboldt Mountain monitor to the northeast and the Blue Point monitor to the east. Ms. Bauer pointed out the boundary on a map. She explained the next map that showed the environmental data for the MSA. She stated that in 2000-2002, violations occurred in the centralized urban areas of the MSA and in downwind areas of northeastern Maricopa County. Ms. Bauer stated that most of the growth and employment in the MSA occurs and will continue to occur in the boundary option. She added that measures are in place to control emissions outside of the boundary, such as Area A measures and new federal and fuel controls. Emissions controls imposed within the boundary option will improve air quality in downwind areas of the MSA. Ms. Bauer advised that expansion of the boundary would further have minimal marginal effect in reducing emissions in the MSA.

Ms. Bauer stated that on May 8 and 27, 2003, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee (AQTAC) reviewed the initial analysis prepared by MAG staff. Staff will brief the Executive Committee on June 16, 2003. She stated that the recommendation on the boundaries from ADEQ is due June 17, 2003. The AQTAC may make a recommendation at their meeting on June 19, 2003. Ms. Bauer stated that the Regional Council may take action on this recommendation at its June 25, 2003 meeting, followed by the Governor's recommendation on July 15, 2003 and finalization by EPA April 15, 2004. Chairman Ellis thanked Ms. Bauer for her report.

Mr. Cleveland, Chair of the AQTAC, stated that it is important that air quality be center stage because it drives transportation funding and growth. He stated that there is a need to expand the boundary, and suggested it may be smaller than what the state suggests, but that is unknown at this time. The Management Committee needs to get together and agree this is the best place to do the modeling for all aspects of transportation and air quality components and not allow this function to be pulled to other agencies. Mr. Cleveland stated that staff has done a tremendous job briefing the AQTAC on this issue.

Mr. Buskirk asked if additional analysis was planned or whether most of the analysis was contained in the report. Ms. Bauer replied that most of the analysis was contained in the preliminary draft report, but additional changes may be necessary.

Mr. Smith commented that it is difficult being definite until ADEQ provides information on its recommendations. Ms. Bauer stated that staff continues to monitor the air quality also. If violations occur outside of the boundary option, it would need to be revised.

Mr. Buskirk asked if staff will communicate all of these concerns to ADEQ and present them at the June 17th meeting. Ms. Bauer replied that staff would.

Mr. Manley asked about connectivity of the air quality work with the RTP. Ms. Bauer explained the close coordination between air quality modeling and transportation modeling staffs occurs generally on a daily basis to ensure the coordination of the data generated.

8. Draft Revised Interim Projections of Population, Housing and Employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025 and 2030

Harry Wolfe addressed the Committee on the background of recommendations on the interim projections. Mr. Wolfe stated that on April 29, 2003, the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) recommended acceptance of the interim projections. On May 14, 2003, the Management Committee recommended acceptance of the interim projections to 2030, and expressed reservations about adequate water supply. Mr. Wolfe stated that Mr. Ellis requested comments from the Management Committee on the interim projections in terms of water availability. One response was received and the changes were incorporated into one MPA and the Maricopa County projections were adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Wolfe stated that member agencies have reviewed all base data and GIS coverages, census data, and surveys. In addition, the POPTAC recommended all assumptions and methodology. Mr. Wolfe stated that the interim projections were based on existing 2000 land use, general plans, known development, and local knowledge and were rigorously reviewed. He explained the three-tiered modeling process. Mr. Wolfe described the review activities to date, which included two complete test runs, three complete drafts, nine workshops, 18 individual visits with member agencies, 16 presentations, five technical paper presentations, peer review with other COGs and MPOs, and the review by Management Committee and staff in terms of water availability. Mr. Wolfe stated that the Management Committee is requested to recommend acceptance of the Draft Revised MAG resident population in households and group quarters, total and occupied housing units, and total employment and by sector projections by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025 and 2030 for use as interim projections. Following Management Committee action, the recommendation will be considered by the Regional Council. Mr. Wolfe stated that work will continue with DES to expedite county control totals and member agencies to incorporate updated information. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Wolfe for his presentation.

Mr. Pettit, Chair of the POPTAC, stated that due to time constraints, the committee had not had the opportunity to review the revised interim projections. However, the original work done by the POPTAC was accepted and recommended to forward the interim projections. Mr. Pettit indicated that he felt that the committee would probably recommend that they be passed along to the Regional Council. He advised that it would be his recommendation to pass the interim projections as revised.

Mr. Fairbanks expressed his thanks to MAG staff for their effort to collect the information on water supply. He commended the Chair because the City of Peoria took the step to revise its population projections.

Chairman Ellis stated that at the last Management Committee meeting, Mr. Fairbanks provided the impetus for all of us to reconsider our projections and it was an epiphany for some. He stated that his city took another look based on what might be reasonably anticipated in terms of water supply. Their ability is greater now than a few years ago and he felt good about the revision. Chairman Ellis stated that many people examine these numbers and as city managers, we are responsible to our citizens. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Fairbanks for bringing the issue forward.

Mr. Medrano asked if the employment numbers were full-time jobs or all jobs. Mr. Wolfe replied that the data includes jobs by place of work, so that would include both part- and full-time positions.

Mr. Dille asked how the population in the MPA area based on housing units was determined. Mr. Wolfe explained that an occupancy rate based on the census was applied to derive occupied housing units or households. After that a persons per occupied unit from the census was applied by areas within the MPA to obtain a population figure. Mr. Wolfe added that if you have multiple RAZs, you would have a different number of persons per household for each.

Chairman Ellis recognized public comment from Mr. Crowley, who quoted from the public input section of the summary transmittal, "A citizen indicated that the projections should take land use into account." He stated that he had said more than that. Mr. Crowley stated that the figures for Wickenburg, west, south and the reservations are not honest projections. Your own document showed state land that can be bought and public lands. He stated that he appreciated the Chair's sensitivities to the water issue. Mr. Crowley stated that he did not see where your projections and assumptions on employment are correct. Mr. Crowley stated that anyone who was raised here heads to the hinterlands. Regarding the reservations, he did not see where they will become a part of the economic engine. Mr. Crowley stated that you are not looking at what the job situation should be. Look at patterns in the East and Midwest where growth has gone, where you get bedroom communities that are part of the equation. He encouraged getting with the County and what they see as a land use program. Mr. Crowley stated that he saw the Surprise city limits extending to Wittman, which was not a part of the magenta area. When you expand into the urban area, you need to be showing ozone pollution that will be affecting the Western part of the region. Chairman Ellis thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Mr. Smith expressed his compliments to MAG staff who worked on the interim projections. The compilation represents years of work. Staff did an honest job and put forth their best effort to give the best projections possible. Chairman Ellis stated his agreement with Mr. Smith. He expressed that staff had done a good job on the interim projections. It gets down to agencies taking an inward look.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend acceptance of the Draft Revised MAG resident population, housing and employment projections by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis

Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, 2025 and 2030 for use as interim projections. Mr. Pupo seconded, and the motion passed, with Mr. Fairbanks abstaining.

Mr. Cleveland stated that at the West Valley Managers meeting, there was discussion on how the projections numbers were reached and are they based on what the development community wants us to conclude is the rate of growth that will happen and how does that correlate with our capacity to absorb that growth. What are our capacities? Mr. Cleveland suggested further discussion occur, perhaps a small group that could start the discussion and broaden to the Management Committee for a more full dialogue. He stated that this discussion needs to continue.

Mr. Olson stated that he looked at his city's numbers and agreed with Mr. Cleveland. We as communities will continue to take discussion as to what we want to be in terms of density, land preservation, etc. Mr. Olson stated that an examination of the methodologies is needed.

Mr. Pettit added that this effort generated an appreciation at the technical level that we can forecast numbers based on general plans, but the underlying assumptions are still with individual communities in terms of capacity. He stated that he applauded Mr. Cleveland's approach to capacity. Many are more reactive to growth than proactive, and we have the opportunity to change that.

Mr. Smith stated his agreement. He commented that we can crank numbers based on the model, but if we have a tool kit of information when send the numbers back to cities, that would be helpful. Mr. Smith stated that MAG will have to draft new numbers based on the county control total we receive from DES.

Mr. Evertsen asked the how often the projections are updated. Mr. Wolfe replied that when we get the official DES numbers we will produce an official set of projections. After that, it will be difficult to be definite, but normally they would be done after a census or a mid-decade count, estimate, or survey, which could provide a base for the next set of projections.

Chairman Ellis requested that members interested in volunteering to participate in the discussion group contact him or Mr. Pettit.

9. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected by the Management Committee.

Mr. Pettit stated that the Management Committee has had outstanding leadership for the past year. Mr. Pettit moved to nominate Terry Ellis, Peoria, as Chair, and Mike Hutchinson, Mesa, as Vice Chair of the Management Committee for FY 2004. Mr. Fairbanks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity was provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate

or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

No comments from the Committee were noted.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary